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"c. Fire Drill: I told Colonel White that we would like to call a truly unannounced fire drill. He first reacted that people had had this in mind for years but had never been able to accomplish it and further said that even though the news gets out there is a positive benefit from having people go through the routine of closing up and proceeding out of the building. After some discussion of how we would go about this, he indicated that he had no objection but felt that we should first touch base with the Director. (I noted Mr. Osborn's prediction that a truly unannounced fire drill would show that the building could not be evacuated in less than 90 minutes.) Colonel White asked what we would propose on the Signal Center and other such and I told him about the view that each such special installation must have a for real emergency evacuation plan and that we intended to be sure that each does and has acted on it. In summary I indicated that we would probably go ahead with the historical "unannounced" fire drill for Fire Prevention Week but would then work hard on the special facilities and ultimately come up with a for real unannounced drill which would provide for advice as the bell sounded to the special facilities that they indeed were excepted. I talked to Mr. Wattles on this point and we agreed to get these ideas back to Mr. Osborn."

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